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GAIN 26,400 FAMILIES -- Budapest, Magyar Mezogazdasag, Vol IV, No 5, Mar 51

During the week preceding the recent Hungarian Workers' Party Congress, 673 new cooperative farms were formed with 26,400 new families, contributing 162,000 cadastral yokes of land.

The number of towns and villages in which the majority of the peasants have joined cooperatives has grown. During preparations for the party congress, 95 percent of the peasantry at Karcag, Turkeve, and Kisujszallas (populations, 27,000, 13,000 and 14,000, respectively) joined cooperatives.

From fall of last year to the present, 1,800 new cooperatives have been formed. -- Gyorgy Nahlik

ENCOURAGES SOCIALIST AGRICULTURE -- Budapest, Magyar Mezogazdasag, Vol IV, No 5, Mar 51

During the recent Hungarian Workers' Party Congress, it was pointed out that cooperative farms are to be developed at a faster rate than heretofore. During the last 2 years, the membership in cooperative farms has doubled. At present, 145,000 peasant families cultivate the one million cadastral yokes of land which belongs to cooperatives. Six hundred additional preliminary committees are functioning, and will later be transformed into cooperative farms. In some towns and villages as much as 50 percent of the land is owned by cooperatives.

In certain locations, working peasants who have been members of cooperatives for a considerable time resent the fact that newly admitted members are paid rent for the land which they contribute. However, Secretary-General Rakosi pointed out that every member profits by the additional land, so that the cooperative as a whole is amply reimbursed for the amount paid out in rent.

Andras Hegedus, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Hungarian Workers' Party, warned against undue haste in the extension of the cooperative system.

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